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Suggestions are provided for creative activities with a selected list of children's periodicals. The periodicals were chosen as representative of those that are available for use by children, teachers, and library media specialists in the elementary through middle school (K-8) grades. Each magazine was examined by students working on degrees in library science or teacher education and approximate levels (primary, primary-intermediate, intermediate, intermediate-middle) are indicated. Brief annotations of the content and complete bibliographic information are supplied for each periodical. (Author/JAB)

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# CREATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN'S PERIODICALS

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## Introduction

Periodicals for children have been with us for some time; however, not until recently have educators and library media specialists clearly recognized their place in the curriculum. Ruth Ann Davies in The School Library Media Center (1974) describes the library media center's periodical collection as a "rich resource necessary for the support of the curriculum, for meeting the recreational needs of students, and for bringing the dimension of immediacy and relevance to the instructional program" (p. 84).

Even with such acclaim given to the importance of periodicals, too often this vital resource goes unused although a well-balanced collection is provided. Why? What are the reasons? Probably one of the major reasons is that a variety of other print and nonprint materials are available for teachers and library media specialists -- materials that are familiar as a result of past use. Another possible reason is that perhaps periodicals are still viewed by some as only serving the recreational needs of students.

The periodicals listed on the following pages were chosen as representative of the variety of periodicals suitable for use by children, teachers, and library media specialists on the elementary through middle school levels (grades K - 8). Each title has been closely examined by students either working on degrees in library and information sciences or in education; many of the students have had teaching experience or have worked in school library media centers. Bibliographic information for each periodical was taken from the actual publication. Approximate levels -- primary, primary-intermediate, intermediate, intermediate-middle high school -- are given. Brief annotations are supplied in regard to content. (For a critical evaluation of the publication, you might wish to refer to Scott's Periodicals for School Libraries. ALA, 1973.)

The main reason for this brochure is to supply the reader with suggestions for creative activities with children's periodicals. The activities listed are not exhaustive by any means. They are offered as a "beginning" to get the periodicals integrated into the curriculum and into the hands of their intended audience--the children.

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AMERICAN GIRL. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 830 Third Ave. New York, New York 10022. Twelve issues for $5.95. Intermediate-Middle.

Published monthly by the Girl Scouts, this periodical includes a variety of articles on lifestyles, fashions, beauty and health tips, recipes, record and movie reviews. It also includes Girl Scout information, several advice columns, one on beauty tips and one of the "Dear Abbey" type.

ACTIVITIES: the recipes are simple and could easily be made by even beginning cooking students.

The beauty and health hints could be used for bulletin boards, displays, or they might serve as a basis for discussions and demonstrations on health and grooming.

The advertisements could serve for discussions and displays on advertising and the effects of advertising on consumers.

The articles on girls exploring different fields of interest could be used for displays and discussions on careers and opportunities.

The articles dealing with girls exploring different areas and lifestyles that were once considered all male could serve as basis for discussions with girls and boys about sex stereotyping and the changing roles of men and women in society.

Current events: people, places, and also keeping up with what other teens are doing.

Health and physical education programs: improve appearance through proper diet, exercise, and beauty hints.

Club activities and hobby interests.

Help to develop a good self-concept.

--Curtis Hufteling
--Jean Shumaker

BOYS' LIFE. Boy Scouts of America. North Brunswick, N.J. 08902. 60¢ per copy/ 6 per year. Intermediate-Middle.

Offers a wide range of topics and activities attractively organized. Features included are "Hitchin' Rack," "Hobby Hows," fiction and book reviews.

ACTIVITIES: Provides an idea exchange in "Hobby Hows" and "Hitchin' Rack."

Fiction can offer relevant material for reluctant readers.

Planning field trips, hobby, and sports activity.

Peer idea, opinion, value exchange.

Discover the value of book reviews.

Overcome the reluctance of older children to become involved with the magazine by suggesting they read or write for the younger ones. Possibly an older class could build a whole program out of an issue or two with a play, jokes and riddles, a story read with dramatic pantomime, and games to pass out to present to a younger class. A CHILD LIFE party might become an annual tradition.

--Patricia Mitchell

CHILDREN'S DIGEST. Parents Magazine Enterprises. 80 New Bridge Road, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621. Nine issues for $7.95. (Also available in Braille.) Primary-Intermediate.

This is a periodical that is primarily devoted to activities and articles that either can be done for or read to the child or that the child can read and do for himself. It contains reprints of classic stories, poetry, nature stories, riddles, puzzles, simple science experiments, cartoons, and book reviews written for children.

ACTIVITIES: The classic stories are reprinted in segments and could be used for continuing classroom or story hour readings.

The science experiments are simple and could be easily illustrated for bulletin boards or posters.

The crossword puzzles and word puzzles could be used in conjunction with a spelling program, used on book marks, or "just for fun" kind of activities.

The riddles could be used on book marks.

The short stories could be used as supplementary reading or read aloud in the classroom or for story hours in the media center.

Historical stories could serve as a basis for study displays, discussions of specific times, or events.

--Curtis Hufteling

CHILDREN'S PLAYCRAFT. Parents Magazine Enterprises, Inc., 80 New Bridge Road, Bergenfield, N.J. 07621. Ten issues yearly for $7.95. Kindergarten-Intermediate.

This magazine is for the purpose of developing interests in handcrafts and activities. It is a "how-to" publication in many respects. Each issue contains directions in a number of formats including diagrams, cartoons, story directions and the like for a number of different projects. There could be some ecology applications, as a number of the projects require the recycling of used materials. The "Let's Pretend" section includes improvisation situations from familiar stories such as Robin Hood.

ACTIVITIES: Extracurricular and classroom projects.
Club projects.
Handcraft projects.
Some creative dramatics.
Learning centers for individual and/or group activity.

--George E. Stewart

Advertising provides information for development of constructive and creative activity.

Offers the reader an introduction to youth activity across the U.S. and around the world.

Health and physical education: all types of sports stories, exercises and outdoor activities.

Science programs: for boys and girls interested in nature and ecology.

Current events: particularly related to sports programs and sports personalities.

--George Pavelek
--Jean Shumaker

CHILD LIFE. 1100 Waterway Boulevard, P. O. Box 567B, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. Published monthly except bimonthly June/July and August/September. One year $7.95. Primary-Middle.

Long established magazine with a variety of stories and activities. Contains sections on arts, crafts, fiction, letters to the editor, an activity page and learning units.

ACTIVITIES: Create an activity file of dot-to-dot pictures, hidden pictures, magic tricks, mini-mysteries, etc. to pull from at holiday time or for activity centers.

Build a resource file of crafts.

Collect a holiday resource file containing stories, poems, activities and crafts centered around each major holiday.

Pass out hidden word games and then request creative writing which includes as many words as possible of those found.

Save the "State of the Month" quizzes. Circulate at map study/U.S. geography study times. May be enlarged on an opaque projector to display around room, duplicated for centers, or may be made into transparencies.

Have fun with "Jokes and Riddles." Give everyone a legitimate chance to share his favorite; have the children copy their favorite as a handwriting exercise; encourage entries to the magazine; let the class build a riddle book and add it to the media center.

"Wonder of Words" introduces children to the derivations of familiar phrases. Pass out copies of the magazine (or the cut out slips) and have the children write their phrase on the blackboard and explain its origin. Send them to books in the media center (such as Horse Feathers or Heavens to Betsy! by Funk) to find other interesting origins. Suggest a bit of creative writing (poem or paragraph) using the phrase or phrases. Build a window shade full of exciting words and phrases to pull down at creative writing time.

CHILDREN'S PLAYMATE. 1100 Waterway Boulevard, P. O. Box 567B, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. Published monthly except bimonthly in June/July and August/September; $7.95 for one year. Primary-Intermediate.

The magazine contains a variety of features such as arts and crafts projects, contests, puzzles, a simple recipe and science experiment, a comic strip episode, even a page entitled "Tips for Teachers." Main features are short stories and poems which are either general or seasonal in content depending on the month. The magazine also includes poems and pictures submitted by students.

ACTIVITIES: Could be used to provide examples to introduce an elementary study unit on the basic features of short stories and poetry; then encourage individual or group work in creative writing of own poems or even stories to be submitted to the magazine for publication.

Students could make a bulletin board mural which tells the story in pictures after they have read a story.

Plays could be used as an introduction to drama by having older students put the play on for younger children or in a special assembly; these could also be adapted for puppet shows.

Puzzles could be reproduced to use as quiet time activities.

Some stories lend themselves to the teaching of social concepts such as sharing or showing kindness.

Seasonal stories could be used to encourage discussion and/or written reports on other legends and traditions associated with holidays.

Students might like to develop their own comic strip characters with either independent episodes or a continuing story and display the result on the bulletin board or have it published in school newspaper.

--Phyllis Vermillion

CRICKET. 1058 Eighth Street, La Salle, Illinois 61301. Published monthly except June, July, and August. Single copy $1.25; One year $10.00; two years $18.75; three years $26.50. Primary-Intermediate.

This magazine contains stories, poems, articles, puzzles, riddles, tongue twisters, nonsense rhymes, cartoons, and jokes. The stories and articles cover a wide interest range, including stories of other countries and cultures, great men and women of the past and present, nature, science, sports, hobbies, and current events. Stories for beginning readers are included in the magazine, as well as stories that appeal to older children. Other important features of the magazine are a craft section with how-to-do instructions, a book review section covering current books, and a section containing stories, poems, and drawings sent in by the readers themselves.

ACTIVITIES: Tear out stories and make mini-story notebooks for individual students to read.

Have students illustrate the story and share their illustrations with the class.

Ask students to write "cricket stories" with different animals talking to cricket.

Let students make cricket puppets on sticks.

--Dorothy M. Wiseman
--Judy Blanton

EBONY JR! Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., 820 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605. Published monthly, except bimonthly June/July and August/September. One year (10 issues) $7.00; two years (20 issues) $12.00; three years (30 issues) $17.00. Primary-Middle.

Through the stories, facts, games, and calendars in EBONY JR!, black children can develop pride in themselves and in their race. The magazine makes learning of the various black cultures fun for children of all races and shows that children of different races do have things in common.

ACTIVITIES: Crossword puzzles for vocabulary and spelling play.
Recipes for classroom parties.
Crafts for class time or rainy day play.
Ideas for classroom posters, calendars.
Riddles and puzzles for class time, play and learning.
Stories could be used for vocabulary building, geography lessons, history lessons, character or value building.
Use to encourage creative writing and art work.
Since some slang is used, teacher could use it in a lesson on slang and standard English.

--Shirley Jean Lambert

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY MAGAZINE. P. O. Box C-19, Birmingham, Alabama 35282. Twelve issues for $6.00. Primary.

The Electric Company Magazine disguises educational material within recreational and fun-filled activities. The magazine is designed for activities which will encourage the use of a student's imagination and inventiveness. It would be useful in an English class, creative writing class, and some scientific articles could be used in the basic science class.

ACTIVITIES: After studying articles on commercials, let the students make their own observation about commercials at home. This would lend itself to a good class discussion.

Make colorful mobiles or book marks from familiar pictures in the magazine.

Use empty cartoon slides for students to write in their own captions for a given picture. Produce incentive by sending in the best cartoons to be published in the next issue of the magazine.

Students can act out through role playing the cartoons in each issue.

Educational articles could be used to start class discussion or even panel discussions. Some topics could possibly lend themselves to further research through individual projects or group presentations.

--Jill Sanders

HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN. 2300 West Fifth Avenue, P. O. Box 269, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Published monthly, except bimonthly June/July and August/September, and semi-monthly in December. Single issues $1.50. 33 issues (three years) $24.95. Primary-Intermediate.

Well-organized magazine and should be very helpful in assisting children in the ability to think, create and reason for themselves. It contains information on a variety of subjects. This is a magazine that would suggest many things for children to do.

ACTIVITIES: Bulletin board ideas.
Story and poetry hour in the classroom.
Word and picture games.

Activities such as puzzles, hidden pictures, jokes, riddles and games can be cut out and laminated to be used over and over again in centers.

Craft ideas can be kept in a vertical file folder for teachers and students to check out for projects.

Have two or three children read the same nature article and make posters illustrating the information.

Encourage the children to submit drawings, stories and verses for publication. Caution them to follow directions exactly so a possible winner will not be disqualified.

--Patricia Franklin
--Sara Baer

HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MAGAZINE. Parents Magazine Enterprises, Inc., 80 New Bridge Road, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621. $7.95-1 year; $.95 each copy. Primary.

This magazine is for children who are interested in the printed words. There are picture stories, selections to read aloud, poems, puzzles, and games. The illustrations are pen and ink drawings sometimes highlighted by an area of a pastel color.

ACTIVITIES: Readiness skill activities.

To read aloud.

Beginning poetry and rhyming activities.

Seasonal craft activity suggestions.

Nature awareness allowing for follow-up activities.

Very primary science experiments and observations.

Discussion material for seasonal and other life happenings new to the youngster.

--Sue Souther

JACK AND JILL. P. O. Box 567B, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. One year (10 issues) $7.95. Primary-Intermediate.

Jack and Jill features a varied format of illustrated, appealing stories, verse and articles, often written by well-known authors. Picture exhibitions and original writings by children are presented. A parent/teacher page offers tips and information on helping children experience the many creative and scientific activities which are described and/or suggested.

ACTIVITIES: Involve children in a listening search to select music or sound effects to accompany dramatic readings.

Cover speech balloons in "Peanuts" feature. Children may write or record their own feelings or interpretations of cartoon.

Establish a magazine exchange; each child "sells" his favorite feature, then "buys" from another's presentation.

Have children compare advertised prices of mail-order products with local prices for selective shopping.

Puzzle pages may be laminated for use in learning centers.

--Ruth Ann Dixon

JUNIOR SCHOLASTIC. 902 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632. Scholastic Magazines. Student Edition $1.75 per school year, 35¢ each. Teachers' Edition $7.00 per year, 70¢ each. Intermediate-Middle.

This is a weekly current events periodical for upper elementary and middle school students covering national and world events. Controversial and timely topics, concerning or of interest to youth, are discussed in a thought-provoking manner, with related activities included in the Teachers' Edition. Sports reports, a language page, and a listing and review of TV shows and new movies are some special features. This periodical is especially useful in conjunction with the social studies curriculum.

ACTIVITIES: Quizzes and test forms are reproduced in the periodical to be used with television programs recommended in the TV tips section.

Certain items in the "Newsbriefs" section could act as a starting point for students to become involved in similar projects in their own communities.

The "Careers and You" section gets students thinking about how they can start now to translate their work goals into reality.

Quizzes and word puzzles are designed to acquaint students with domestic and foreign affairs, as well as with geography.

--Betsy Fouts

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WORLD. Dept. 00975, 17th and M Sts., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Monthly, $4.85. Intermediate.

This magazine specializes in articles and full-color photographs of the animal world. There are also many well-illustrated articles on sports and current events. Also included are some child-centered activities such as magic tricks, games, and puzzles.

ACTIVITIES: Posters that come with this magazine should be laminated and kept in the media center collection for permanent use as study prints.

The articles and photographs of animals should be kept in a vertical file to be checked out by teachers and students.

Some articles follow-up P.B.S. specials and could be used to supplement a discussion of the program in the classroom.

The magic tricks and other activities could be used in the classroom in centers of interest.

--Sara Baer

PACK-O-FUN. Department 1837, 14 Main Street, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068. $6.00 per year (10 issues). Primary-Intermediate.

Pack-O-Fun is a book on hobby crafts which can be used equally well by children, parents, or teachers. Emphasis is placed on making toys, gifts, games, etc., out of scraps and materials such as ice cream sticks, L'egg hosiery containers, and plastic bottles. Instructions are clearly written and well-illustrated. A section with lists of pen pals is also included in each issue.

ACTIVITIES: Useful in elementary art classes.

Provides activities and games for rainy days.

Helpful in introducing children to hobbies.

Aids in teaching children to follow instructions.

Units on how not to be wasteful and use all materials.

Individual learning centers with craft units to make.

--Roland Commons
--Judy Blanton

PLAYS. The Drama Magazine For Young People. 8 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116. Monthly, October through May for $12.00. Primary-Middle.

This magazine includes plays, radio scripts, skits, adaptations of classics and thematic plays for young people. Production notes and suggestions for implementing them are given at the end of each script for costumes, playing time, properties, set pieces, and special effects. No royalty or written permission for performance is necessary to regular subscribers. It also includes plays for special holidays, topics in history, and special occasions, as well as brief book reviews on books in the theatrical area, a play list for all special days in the particular month. It is cumulatively indexed for the year in the May issue by author, title, and subject.

ACTIVITIES: Supplementary activities to literature or other classwork in history or social studies.
Beginning point activities for other programs.
Skits for club meetings.
Assembly program ideas.

--George E. Stewart

RANGER RICK'S NATURE MAGAZINE. 1412 Sixteenth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. $7.00 per month. Published monthly. Primary-Intermediate.

Magazine published by the National Wildlife Federation to involve young people in the living world of plants and animals around them. Specialists contribute articles on plants, animals, natural history, gardening, crafts, poems, books, games, and science. Readers can write in questions to be answered in the column "Who-o-o knows?" and often have their own stories or poems published. Teachers are able to receive a free guide to classroom activities based on the editorial materials.

ACTIVITIES: Preparation for nature walks or field trips.
Storytelling of animals and plants children have had contact with.
Discussions on the balance of nature in different parts of the world as well as their own community and how it can be destroyed by man.
Students can write their own question and answer column.
Group or individual projects involving gardening or the caring for animals.
Put together picture books of the plants and animals the students are studying.
Learning of the uses of the various plants and animals.
Storytelling of animals and plants in the past and what caused them to become extinct.

--Cyndy Zell

SCHOLASTIC NEWS EXPLORER. 902 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632. Published weekly during the school year, September-May inclusive except during school holidays and at mid-year. Single subscription $2.50 per year, Teacher Edition $5.00 per year. Single copy 25¢, Teacher Edition 50¢.

A magazine that appeals to student interests and also motivates them to think, understand, and learn more about themselves and the world in general through the news articles.

ACTIVITIES: Current events period.

Discussion groups.

Current event bulletin board.

Interpreting pictures and their impact on viewers.

Have students write their own news articles.

Start a "News Explorer Club" that produces a monthly school paper.

--Patricia Franklin

SESAME STREET MAGAZINE. P. O. Box C-10, Birmingham, Alabama 35283. One year: $6.00. Published monthly except August and January. Primary.

This publication is answering big questions for little children. The magazine is an educational tool taking the television program one step farther. There is a section for the teacher or parent who wants to get the full value of the publication. The art work is in full color, often photographs, some in cartoon.

ACTIVITIES: Stimulate discussion.

Alphabet activities.

Counting activities.

Sequencing problems.

Stories for listening and reading.

Art activity to stimulate creativity and self-expressing.

Laminate puzzles and games for reuse.

Many of the pages could be used in learning centers.

--Sue Souther
--Mary Dinwiddie

WEE WISDOM. Unity School of Christianity, Unity Village, Missouri 64065. One year (10 issues) $4.00. (Braille copies sent free to the blind.) Primary-Intermediate.

A charmingly illustrated magazine, Wee Wisdom will probably appeal to girls, but features are suitable for boys too. Sensitive stories reflect moral and ethical character building themes without a particular religious slant. Wee Wisdom format includes "Writers' Guide," which features original work of children, "Puzzlers" pages for amusement and articles for creative and scientific experiments as well as poetry.

ACTIVITIES: Detachable monthly, picture calendar can be used for personal notations, to mark special days, and/or to record events.

Calendars saved with favorite memos will make a scrapbook diary of the year.

Stories with a moral lesson could be retold or rewritten as "How It Happened to Me."

Expressive words of varied size and type can be arranged with drawings or included in a meaningful collage.

Emotional impact of contents can be pantomimed or children can converse with puppets about their own feelings.

Duplicate a "Dot-to-Dot Puzzle" and give to each child in a class at the first of the year or at any time for a "pick up."

Suggest that children send in "GOOD WORD ideas," as well as contribute to "Writers' Guild."

Encourage artistic talents with the "Let's Draw" features.

Motivate the children to work puzzles and to create their own for others to solve.

--Ruth Ann Dixon

THE WEEWISH TREE. A Magazine of Indian America for Young People. American Indian Historical Society, 1451 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco, California 94117. $6.50 per year, published bi-monthly. Intermediate-Middle.

This periodical includes Indian stories, both legendary and modern. It also includes poetry, crafts ideas, a brief (one or two words) dictionary of Indian language, art work, articles on Indian customs and life, a review of a book on Indian culture, and a question and answer section. Many of the stories and poetry selections are written by Indian children.

ACTIVITIES: Supplementary materials for ethnic studies.
Creative dramatics.
Art design.
Craft work.
Multimedia programs and ideas.

--Louella B. Stewart

YOUNG MISS. Parent's Magazine Enterprises, Inc., 80 New Bridge Road, Bergenfield, N.J. 07621. Published monthly, except June and August. One year $7.95. Intermediate-Middle.

Features included are "From You to Us," "Was My Face Red," "Youth Beat," and fiction. Also recipes, celebrity/personality features, hobby information, holiday how-to's and activity ideas are given.

ACTIVITIES: Advise column aids in sharing and identifying peer problems.

Recipes and hobby information are good for planning group activities.

"Youth Beat" feature deals with youth problems, opinions, and solutions. Good for stimulating discussion and development of human relations and self-realization.

--George Pavelek

YOUNG WORLD. P. O. Box 567B, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. Published monthly except bi-monthly June/July and August/September by the Saturday Evening Post Company. One year $7.95; two years $14.95; three years $21.95. Intermediate-Middle.

This magazine contains stories, poems, articles, puzzles, and cartoons and is attractively illustrated. The stories deal with real-life situations of young adults. Articles cover a wide range of interests designed to challenge young minds, including international interests, hobbies, crafts, sports, nature, science, and current events. Detailed instructions are included in the craft section. Another important feature is a section of stories, poems, and drawings submitted by the readers themselves. There is a problem and answer page, as well as pen pal information. An important feature is the "Tips for Teachers" page which gives suggestions for using the materials in the magazine as teaching tools.

ACTIVITIES: Composition. Frequently stories are begun in one issue and continued in the next issue. Students could write endings for the continued stories. Sharing and comparing of ideas could lead to excellent classroom discussions.

Creative writing. Students could be encouraged to write stories, poems, and plays or make drawings to contribute to the magazine for publication.

--Dorothy Wiseman

The "Pen Pal" section could be used in a letter-writing unit. This could also be a springboard for studies of their cities, countries, and cultures. Students could be encouraged to do research, make reports, prepare bulletin boards, make a scrapbook or prepare a display about the city, state, or country of their pen pal.

Reprints in Spanish are available for Spanish classes.

--Dorothy Wiseman